

Growing Through (UK and Eire)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107036

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2018-05-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The trustees shall apply the funds for the following objects ("the objects"): 1. To promote the love and healing grace of Jesus Christ to all within the UK and Ireland. 2. The relief of those in need by reason of bereavement through death, family breakdown, separation or divorce through the provision of training and resources to deliver grief peer support programmes for children and teenagers within the UK and Ireland.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Education/training, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Parents, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,628	£3,985	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adeline Mcclenaghan		
Miss Emma Crawford		
Mrs Emma Dorman		
Mrs Gail Lawther		
Mrs Jacqueline Macauley		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,628	-	-	1,628	2,610
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	400
Grants	-	-	-	-	375
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,628	-	-	1,628	3,385
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,628	-	-	1,628	3,385
A3 Payments					
Website	1,079	-	-	1,079	920
Insurance	537	-	-	537	469
Bookkeeping	130	-	-	130	90
Bank Fees	34	-	-	34	42
Training	2,155	-	-	2,155	-
Computer Costs	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	3,985	-	-	3,985	1,521
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,985	-	-	3,985	1,521
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,357	-	-	- 2,357	1,864
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,264	-	-	24,264	22,400
Cash funds this year end	21,907	-	-	21,907	24,264

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,610		-	2,610	4,198
Fundraising	400	-	-	400	443
Grants	375	-	-	375	1,125
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	3,385	-	-	3,385	5,766
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,385	-	-	3,385	5,766
A3 Payments					
Website	920	-	-	920	1,730
Insurance	469	-	-	469	443
Bookkeeping	90	-	-	90	108
Bank Fees	42	-	-	42	59
Training	-	-	-	-	24
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	765
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	1,521	-	-	1,521	3,129
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,521	-	-	1,521	3,129
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,864	-	-	1,864	2,637
A5 Transfers between funds	3,320	- 3,320	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,080	3,320	-	22,400	19,763
Cash funds this year end	24,264	-	-	24,264	22,400

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Annual report

Chairman's report – 2023-2024 for GT (UK & Eire) – Charity No. 107036

Name of Trustees – Adeline McClenaghan (Chairperson), Emma Dorman (Secretary) Des Clarke (Treasurer – non Trustee), Gail Lawther (Trustee), Jacqui MacAulay (Trustee) and Emma Crawford (Trustee), Rebecca McMillen (Trustee)

Governing document – finalised in March 2018

Summary of Purposes – to promote the love and healing grace of Jesus Christ to all within the UK and Ireland.

To relieve those in need by reason of bereavement through death, family breakdown, separation or divorce, through the provision of training and resources, to deliver grief support programmes for children and young people within UK and Ireland.

Financial year 2023 -2024

Main events and achievements

Despite the removal of Covid restrictions the Board preferred to keep our meetings on zoom as it was recognised that this was a different method and one that suited those members who were working. One positive outcome from a very difficult period for everyone.

This year saw the Board plodding through agreeing to all updates of Policies and Procedures as well as roles of volunteers where it was recognised that Mary Gault (UK rep of GT) had spent many hours editing over the months.

Raising our profile in the Community was a focus this year too, given no kids groups in the Newtownabbey area were still not running, thus freeing up those members of the Board who helped to run these groups. (more of times getting GT noticed later in the report)

It was also a desire on behalf of the Board to do more fundraising activities to achieve a public profile in the local areas. (See more later re details)

It was also important to progress the Charity by liaising with other local groups and Charities to also raise our profile.

In March 2024 Mary Gault and myself started to attend CYCSP (Children & Young People Strategic Planning) meetings where professionals in the local areas discuss up and coming concerns and events and a spin off group from this is the Hub Meetings where children and young people are referred to ourselves if they felt the families identified could benefit from our services.

Fundraising Events

In June 2023 GT won second place in an application and received £400 from Asda in Larne and Mary Gault and myself attended the presentation. There was an added bonus in that we were to inform them of any event we may hold in the future that required food or drink items and to approach them to cover the cost!

Although not a fundraiser in itself ,we were invited to have a table at an event with UCB (United Christian Broadcasters) run by Volunteer Now in the Presbyterian Church in Carrickfergus. We were able to display our resources and chat to people about what we do. There was a small donation made and two people were interested in knowing more about becoming a volunteer. (20th May 2023)

Another opportunity to have a table was on 16th June 2023 in Woodlands Church in Carrickfergus. Cithra had invited us to attend which is a local Charity helping families suffering domestic violence. Some of the families we have helped and supported in the past have been victims of this type of abuse so it was a good opportunity to link in with another relevant organisation to develop our relationship with them.

Our raffle was originally planned for December 2023 but it was postponed to Easter of 2024. First prize was a 1hr Piatas session, 2nd was a “Colour Me Beautiful” session and 3rd Prize was a “Tropic” facial!

It is recognised that, by not having someone yet dedicated to applying for funding ,some opportunities have been missed as deadlines are short and need time to do the applications which generally need uploading of documents along the way. Hopefully this can soon be addressed.

Training

It is important to note that the Training of Morgan and Rebecca was actually done in 2023 and not in 2022 as was reported in my last year’s report. Apologies -this was a typo error. It was held on 26th April 2023.

Gail Lawther completed her Food Hygiene training in July of 2023.

First Aid Training was done by Gail and myself at Greenisland Baptist Church in June 2023.

A refresher course on Child Protection was completed also by Gail and myself on zoom by the same church on 20th September 2023.

On 31st January 2024 I completed Fire Warden training at aforesaid church.

Social Events

The Board recognises the importance of building its members and volunteers up, so a couple of such events were planned. The social on 15th April 2023 was mentioned in the report of last year and another social was a fundraising concert by “Slemish” in a church in Bangor on 20th October 2023. As only 3 members attended this another social was planned in December but had to be shelved as some members had forgotten! It was duly decided to avoid December in future as everyone is far too busy!

International Update

Mary Gault continues to have meetings on zoom with the Directors Dale & Jewell Erickson and their input to the updating of the Pot of Gold material (younger childrens’ grief support group resources) The licensing Agreement is still an ongoing concern but still is in process between USA and ourselves through the meetings Mary Gault has with Jewel and Dale

Grief support children's groups update

Ballyclare have been busy this past year as many children in their area have been identified so the volunteers there have been very busy! It is recognised that our own lack of kids groups have allowed our facilitators to concentrate on training and fundraising and raising our profile without tiring us out! Remember 3 of us on the Board do these support groups.

Mary Gault and Danielle Kourpass are still updating the Pot of Gold material and it is hoped then that work on updating Rays of Light will be forthcoming in the not too distant future!

Reports from the Uk rep (Mary Gault) are still being received and training opportunities are sought to further equip the Board in their skills

Social Media

Due to Rebecca's skills, our presence on Social Media has improved and it is hoped that these posts will generate more interest in the work that we do and support those who need our resources and information. Watch this space!

Conclusion

God has been good again in allowing us space to do what is necessary to give us a professional run Charity and provided opportunities to network and liaise with other organisations and Charities to raise our profile in our Community It is hoped that these will increase next year and relationships formed will grow into meaningful and fruitful ones in furthering our Charity and its aspirations and goals.

There has been discussion in perhaps contacting schools in the future in an effort to identify children in the local areas who could avail of our services and so -again – watch this space!

The Board, in setting out it's objectives and planning their activities for the year, had given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that it's activities have helped to achieve the Charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

I, as Chair, am particularly proud of what we have achieved this year in that we are still moving forward, raising our profile and forging new relationships and may this continue!

Adeline McClenaghan

Chairperson

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Growing Through (UK & EIRE)

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which were presented as a Receipts and Payments Account by the Treasurer Desmond Clarke and I have summarised below. Please note all funds are now Unrestricted as per board and donor agreement as all activities come under the one entity.

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Receipts			
Donations	£2610		£2610
Fundraising	£400		£400
Grant- Tesco Groundworks remaining balance	£375		£375
	£3385		£3385
Expenditure			
Website creation , hosting and support	£920		£920
Independent Inspection fees	£90		£90
Kerr Group Insurance	£469		£469
Bank Charges	£42		£42
	£1521		£1521
Net Receipts	£1864		£1864
Cash Reserves b/f 31 st March 2023	£19080	£3320	£22400
Transfer between funds	£3320	-£3320	0
Cash funds at Year End 31 st March 2024 to c/f	£24264	£0	£24264
Funded by			
Balance in Bank 31 st March 2024Danske Bank Account ending2781			£24265.14
Stripe Account online @ 31 st March 2024			£0.00
			£24264.14

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My Examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention given me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Mrs Ciara Magill-Lavery
Independent Examiner
Accounts By Ciara Ltd
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Newtownabbey
BT36 7JP

Date06/08/2024.....

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Accounts

Growing Through (Eire & UK) Ltd

Receipts & payments accounts for year ending 31/03/2023

Date	Category	Income General	Income Restricted	Expenditure General	Expenditure Restricted	Total General	Total Restricted	Overall Total
01/04/2022	Balance B/F					£17,163.18	£2,600.00	£19,763.18
01/04/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£17,173.18	£2,600.00	£19,773.18
11/04/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£17,183.18	£2,600.00	£19,783.18
19/04/2022	Standing Order	£1,125.00				£18,308.18	£2,600.00	£20,908.18
19/04/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£18,328.18	£2,600.00	£20,928.18
20/04/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£18,328.18	£2,650.00	£20,978.18
25/04/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£18,353.18	£2,650.00	£21,003.18
01/05/2022	Direct Debit			£5.40		£18,347.78	£2,650.00	£20,997.78
03/05/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£18,347.78	£2,660.00	£21,007.78
03/05/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,357.78	£2,660.00	£21,017.78
09/05/2022	Standing Order	£5.00				£18,362.78	£2,660.00	£21,022.78
10/05/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,372.78	£2,660.00	£21,032.78
18/05/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£18,392.78	£2,660.00	£21,052.78
20/05/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£18,392.78	£2,710.00	£21,102.78
25/05/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£18,417.78	£2,710.00	£21,127.78
30/05/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£18,417.78	£2,720.00	£21,137.78
31/05/2022	Direct Debit			£5.00		£18,412.78	£2,720.00	£21,132.78
01/06/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,422.78	£2,720.00	£21,142.78
10/06/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,432.78	£2,720.00	£21,152.78
15/06/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£18,452.78	£2,720.00	£21,172.78
20/06/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£18,452.78	£2,770.00	£21,222.78
27/06/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£18,477.78	£2,770.00	£21,247.78
30/06/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£18,477.78	£2,780.00	£21,257.78
01/07/2022	Direct Debit			£5.00		£18,472.78	£2,780.00	£21,252.78
01/07/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,482.78	£2,780.00	£21,262.78
11/07/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,492.78	£2,780.00	£21,272.78
15/07/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£18,512.78	£2,780.00	£21,292.78
20/07/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£18,512.78	£2,830.00	£21,342.78
25/07/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£18,537.78	£2,830.00	£21,367.78
31/07/2022	Direct Debit			£5.00		£18,532.78	£2,830.00	£21,362.78
01/08/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£18,532.78	£2,840.00	£21,372.78
01/08/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,542.78	£2,840.00	£21,382.78
10/08/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,552.78	£2,840.00	£21,392.78
15/08/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£18,572.78	£2,840.00	£21,412.78
22/08/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£18,572.78	£2,890.00	£21,462.78
22/08/2022	Direct Debit			£5.00		£18,567.78	£2,890.00	£21,457.78
28/08/2022	Lodgement	£443.00				£19,010.78	£2,890.00	£21,900.78
13/08/2022	Standing Order	£30.00				£19,040.78	£2,890.00	£21,930.78
25/08/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£19,065.78	£2,890.00	£21,955.78
25/08/2022	Lodgement 680026	£100.00				£19,165.78	£2,890.00	£22,055.78
25/08/2022	O/Line pmt			£1,200.00		£17,965.78	£2,890.00	£20,855.78
30/08/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£17,965.78	£2,900.00	£20,865.78
31/08/2022	Direct Debit			£3.39		£17,962.39	£2,900.00	£20,862.39
01/09/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£17,972.39	£2,900.00	£20,872.39
05/09/2022	O/Line pmt			£765.26		£17,207.13	£2,900.00	£20,107.13
06/09/2022	O/Line pmt			£108.00		£17,099.13	£2,900.00	£19,999.13
08/09/2022	Standing Order	£150.00				£17,249.13	£2,900.00	£20,149.13
12/09/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£17,259.13	£2,900.00	£20,159.13
15/09/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£17,279.13	£2,900.00	£20,179.13
20/09/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£17,279.13	£2,950.00	£20,229.13
22/09/2022	O/Line pmt			£24.00		£17,255.13	£2,950.00	£20,205.13
26/09/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£17,280.13	£2,950.00	£20,230.13
30/09/2022	Direct Debit			£2.95		£17,277.18	£2,950.00	£20,227.18
30/09/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£17,277.18	£2,960.00	£20,237.18
30/09/2022	Lodgement 680027	£80.00				£17,357.18	£2,960.00	£20,317.18
03/10/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£17,367.18	£2,960.00	£20,327.18
06/10/2022	Cheque 200002			£50.39		£17,316.79	£2,960.00	£20,276.79
10/10/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£17,326.79	£2,960.00	£20,286.79
17/10/2022	Standing Order	£1,293.80				£18,620.59	£2,960.00	£21,580.59
17/10/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£18,640.59	£2,960.00	£21,600.59
20/10/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£18,640.59	£3,010.00	£21,650.59
25/10/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£18,665.59	£3,010.00	£21,675.59
25/10/2022	Lodgement 680028	£30.00				£18,695.59	£3,010.00	£21,705.59
27/10/2022	Lodgement 680029	£100.00				£18,795.59	£3,010.00	£21,805.59
31/10/2022	Direct Debit			£3.26		£18,792.33	£3,010.00	£21,802.33

31/10/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£18,792.33	£3,020.00	£21,812.33
01/11/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,802.33	£3,020.00	£21,822.33
10/11/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£18,812.33	£3,020.00	£21,832.33
15/11/2022	Standing Order	£463.56				£19,275.89	£3,020.00	£22,295.89
15/11/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£19,295.89	£3,020.00	£22,315.89
21/11/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£19,295.89	£3,070.00	£22,365.89
25/11/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£19,320.89	£3,070.00	£22,390.89
30/11/2022	Direct Debit			£3.47		£19,317.42	£3,070.00	£22,387.42
30/11/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£19,317.42	£3,080.00	£22,397.42
01/12/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,327.42	£3,080.00	£22,407.42
12/12/2022	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,337.42	£3,080.00	£22,417.42
15/12/2022	Standing Order	£59.85				£19,397.27	£3,080.00	£22,477.27
15/12/2022	Standing Order	£20.00				£19,417.27	£3,080.00	£22,497.27
20/12/2022	Standing Order		£50.00			£19,417.27	£3,130.00	£22,547.27
28/12/2022	Standing Order	£25.00				£19,442.27	£3,130.00	£22,572.27
30/12/2022	Direct Debit			£2.85		£19,439.42	£3,130.00	£22,569.42
30/12/2022	Standing Order		£10.00			£19,439.42	£3,140.00	£22,579.42
03/01/2023	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,449.42	£3,140.00	£22,589.42
03/01/2023	Lodgement 680030	£50.00				£19,499.42	£3,140.00	£22,639.42
10/01/2023	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,509.42	£3,140.00	£22,649.42
10/01/2023	O/Line pmt			£240.00		£19,269.42	£3,140.00	£22,409.42
16/01/2023	Standing Order	£23.94				£19,293.36	£3,140.00	£22,433.36
16/01/2023	Standing Order	£20.00				£19,313.36	£3,140.00	£22,453.36
20/01/2023	Standing Order		£50.00			£19,313.36	£3,190.00	£22,503.36
25/01/2023	Standing Order	£25.00				£19,338.36	£3,190.00	£22,528.36
30/01/2023	Standing Order		£10.00			£19,338.36	£3,200.00	£22,538.36
30/01/2023	Direct Debit			£2.85		£19,335.51	£3,200.00	£22,535.51
31/01/2023	Standing Order - Amazon Europe	£7.34				£19,342.85	£3,200.00	£22,542.85
31/01/2023	O/Line pmt			£80.00		£19,262.85	£3,200.00	£22,462.85
01/02/2023	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,272.85	£3,200.00	£22,472.85
10/02/2023	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,282.85	£3,200.00	£22,482.85
10/02/2023	Lodgement 680031	£20.00				£19,302.85	£3,200.00	£22,502.85
15/02/2023	Standing Order	£20.00				£19,322.85	£3,200.00	£22,522.85
20/02/2023	Standing Order		£50.00			£19,322.85	£3,250.00	£22,572.85
27/02/2023	Standing Order	£25.00				£19,347.85	£3,250.00	£22,597.85
28/02/2023	Direct Debit			£3.20		£19,344.65	£3,250.00	£22,594.65
28/02/2023	Standing Order		£10.00			£19,344.65	£3,260.00	£22,604.65
28/02/2023	O/Line pmt			£80.00		£19,264.65	£3,260.00	£22,524.65
10/03/2023	Standing Order	£10.00				£19,274.65	£3,260.00	£22,534.65
15/03/2023	Standing Order	£20.00				£19,294.65	£3,260.00	£22,554.65
20/03/2023	Standing Order		£50.00			£19,294.65	£3,310.00	£22,604.65
20/03/2023	O/Line pmt			£443.33		£18,851.32	£3,310.00	£22,161.32
27/03/2023	Standing Order	£25.00				£18,876.32	£3,310.00	£22,186.32
30/03/2023	Standing Order		£10.00			£18,876.32	£3,320.00	£22,196.32
31/03/2023	Direct Debit			£2.89		£18,873.43	£3,320.00	£22,193.43
31/03/2023	O/Line pmt			£80.00		£18,793.43	£3,320.00	£22,113.43

Danske Totals £4,751.49 £720.00 £3,121.24 £0.00

Closing Balance Danske Account £22,113.43

Date	Category	Income General	Income Restricted	Expenditure General	Expenditure Restricted	Total General	Total Restricted	Overall Total
22/09/2022	Balance B/F					£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
22/09/2022	Stripe Donation	£20.00				£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
22/09/2022	Stripe Transaction Fee			£0.48		£19.52	£0.00	£19.52
22/09/2022	Stripe Donation	£30.00				£49.52	£0.00	£49.52
22/09/2022	Stripe Transaction Fee			£0.62		£48.90	£0.00	£48.90
22/09/2022	Stripe Donation	£100.00				£148.90	£0.00	£148.90
22/09/2022	Stripe Transaction Fee			£3.10		£145.80	£0.00	£145.80
25/09/2022	Stripe Donation	£20.00				£165.80	£0.00	£165.80
25/09/2022	Stripe Transaction Fee			£0.78		£165.02	£0.00	£165.02
19/10/2022	Stripe Donation	£45.00				£210.02	£0.00	£210.02
19/10/2022	Stripe Transaction Fee			£0.83		£209.19	£0.00	£209.19
03/12/2022	Stripe Donation	£80.00				£289.19	£0.00	£289.19
03/12/2022	Stripe Transaction Fee			£2.52		£286.67	£0.00	£286.67

Stripe Totals £295.00 £0.00 £8.33 £0.00

Closing Balance Stripe Account £286.67

Overall Total £22,400.10

Growing Through (UK and Eire)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107036

Annual report

Chairman's report – 2022-2023 for GT (UK & Eire) – Charity No. 107036

Name of Trustees – Adeline McClenaghan (Chairperson), Emma Dorman (Secretary) Des Clarke (Treasurer – non Trustee), Gail Lawther (Trustee), Jacqui MacAulay (Trustee) and Emma Crawford (Trustee), Rebecca McMullen (Trustee)

Governing document – finalised in March 2018

Summary of Purposes – to promote the love and healing grace of Jesus Christ to all within the UK and Ireland.

To relieve those in need by reason of bereavement through death, family breakdown, separation or divorce, through the provision of training and resources, to deliver grief support programmes for children and young people within UK and Ireland.

Financial year 2022 -2023

Main events and achievements

Another change to the Board members as Rebecca McMullen became a member of the board as a Trustee with many skills on the Social Media side of things as well as promoting GT on Facebook and other media channels. Rebecca's resume was impressive as a Child of God along with her talents and benefits she would bring to our mission and aims. The Board formally welcomed her at the AGM held in Greenisland Baptist Church in September 2022. This was our first public AGM (more details later.) Morgan Cole also applied to be a volunteer with the Grief Support Groups and both her and Rebecca did this training on 17/3/22, as it was thought it would be opportune to do this when things were relatively "quiet"!!

The year of 2022/2023 saw a continuation of operating on zoom at our meetings due to Covid 19 still being present in the environment, but a bit more relaxation re restrictions meaning some fundraisers could be done in person and at venues. (More of this information later) However, as stated, we were able to organise a public AGM on 27th September 2022, where our very own Mary Gault presented our all new and all singing and dancing website which was only finished days before! Thus the new website was officially launched!!! Much appreciation for her dedication to her input and dedication to completing it along with Platform Media who were very professional in their understanding of the sensitive nature of the information contained in our new website. Many people will gain much needed information on grief and its impact on their lives as well as being made aware of the "tools" available to them to help them process their difficult and painful journeys.

Time was taken in adopting some more policies and procedures. Roles of various volunteer positions were also produced and, again the Board had much input with regard to their own roles and roles needed in the future. For example Fundraiser Role, Admin role and Social Media Role. Again, Mary Gault was the main person adapting and renewing and adding these which are needed for our Charity to operate professionally and in keeping with Governing Standards and, at time of writing this, are nearing completion! The Board agreed to purchasing a new laptop for her as her current one was so old and giving difficulties, given the amount of work she was doing within her role of Our UK Representative.

It was of particular pleasure to meet up with Alison Crawford who was over for 3 months from USA due to family issues. Although these were of a sad nature it meant that the Board could reunite

with her as she was one of the original team running Pots of Gold at the very beginning in Northern Ireland. Those on the Board who had not been part of this then knew of her valuable contribution to GT's work from the very start over 20 years ago!! Discussions were initiated whether Alison could "take over" from Jewell and Dale when they retired and the Board felt that within the next 5 years all their responsibilities will transfer to either Alison or ourselves,

Due to discontentment with our bank the Board decided to transfer to Danske Bank. Online banking was set up by Des Clarke and Adeline McClenaghan. Mary informed regular contributors to GT with this change. HMRC accepted us as a Charity and a Stripe account was set up with the new website being active.

Raising awareness of GT is evermore to the forefront and there were more opportunities to do this in this period. (See below)

Fundraising Events –

In July 2022 there was a "Colour Me Beautiful" event held in Greenisland Baptist Church where £443 was raised on the night and a further £80 in contributions in the following days.

Monies were also gratefully received for a "Just Giving" Page as one of our Board Members lost a much treasured parent in the summer of 2022. This was over £1,000 and was much appreciated, given the circumstances.

Monies from Tesco involved a photo shoot in January 2023 (Our 1st position receiving £1,500, which was mentioned in last year's report) finally became public and Rebecca put this on our webpage which attracted a lot of "likes" and acknowledgements. A subsequent ASDA application has been made in the local Larne store. Watch this space!

Training

Adeline attended a session in January 2023, regarding applying for local lottery funding, in Larne. It basically stated that there was a pot of money to avail of waiting to be applied for! It is hoped that this can be tapped into in the near future and it was recognised that a volunteer in this role would be advantageous as this is quite time consuming. It would also be beneficial in raising our profile simultaneously.

Adeline completed a Food Hygiene course online (Level 2) in September 2022 and Morgan did the same in February 2023, in their roles as facilitators in running the grief support groups with children and young people. Gail Lawther also expressed an interest in completing this next year over the summer.

Mary and Adeline attended a Volunteer Now session on 9/3/23 called "Achieving Accreditation as a Charity", held in Carrickfergus Town Hall, led by Wenda Gray, their Volunteer Support Co-ordinator. The Mayor of Carrickfergus also attended, Both Adeline and Mary felt it was achievable and could look at this within the next year or two. The event also stated that when businesses look at the list of Charities as possibilities to donate, if they see this accreditation it is a positive sign for them and they are more likely to choose you!!

Social events

A social at a coffee/diner in Carrickfergus was done in July 2022 and enjoyed by all who could come.

Nearer Christmas the group ate at a Carrickfergus restaurant while listening to a ukelele band playing Christmas songs to get us all excited for the forthcoming festivities of the birth of our Lord! Of course, needless to say, it was excellent, as one of the band members was my husband!!

As two new people on the team, Rebecca and Morgan these “events” are seen as important and so lunch was organised at The Dairy in Gleno on 15/4/23. Some people had never been to this venue and really enjoyed the chat and meeting others for the very first time. It was planned that another social was to be organised towards the end of the year and the feelers were out as to what this could be! Watch this space- again!

International news – Meetings online with Mary Gault and, Jewell and Dale Erickson in USA still ongoing whereby they were still collaborating on the pages of the new website which was completed (stated earlier) Unfortunately, the licensing agreement is still in progress and is proving to be more arduous than anticipated.

Conclusion - It has been recognised that, as restrictions were more relaxed, the group were able to be out and about more and raising the profile of GT, the Board feels that it is still in a period of reformation and ongoing training of volunteers, finalising all the necessary paperwork needed but with an emphasis of more “public” events to raise our profile in the local area of Antrim and Mid Antrim. The major piece of work being the production of the new website and using the skills of a web expert in Chris Rea to get this up and running once work with Platform Media was completed.

The Board, in setting out its objectives and planning their activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland’s guidance on public benefit to ensure that its activities have helped to achieve the Charity’s purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Reports from the UK rep are still being received and training opportunities are sought to further equip the Board in their skills

It is hoped that more applications for funding from local places can be made as well recruiting someone with fundraising skills and another with administration skills would be good as well as more volunteers to help run the children’s grief support groups.

God has been good to us as usual and we look forward to what He has in store for His work and His Kingdom next year!

Adeline McClenaghan

Chairperson

Growing Through (UK and Eire)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107036

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Growing Through (UK & EIRE)

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which were presented as a Receipts and Payments Account by the Treasurer Desmond Clarke and I have summarised below.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts			
Donations	£3478.49	£720.00	£4198.49
Fundraising	£443.00		£443.00
Grant- Tesco Groundworks	£1125.00		£1125.00
	£5046.49	£720	£5766.49
Expenditure			
Website creation , hosting and support	£1730.39		£1730.39
Independent Inspection fees	£108.00		£108.00
Kerr Group Insurance	£443.33		£443.33
Bank Charges	£58.59		£58.59
Food Hygiene cost	£24.00		£24.00
Laptop for Mary	£765.26		£765.26
	£3129.57	£0.00	£3129.57
Net Receipts	£1916.92	£720	£2636.92
Cash Reserves b/f 31 st March 2022	£17163.18	£2600	£19763.18
Cash funds at Year End 31 st March 2023 to c/f	£19080.10	£3320	£22400.10
Funded by			
Balance in Bank 31 st March 2023 Danske Bank Account ending2781			£22113.43
Stripe Account online @ 31 st March 2023			£286.67
			£22400.10

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

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Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My Examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention given me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


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Date21/08/2023.....